

REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1 and 4-29 will remain pending in the present application. New claims 20-29 have been added.

The instant amendment made herein to the claims does not incorporate new matter into the application as originally filed. For example, new claims 20 and 21 are added based on original claims 3 and 4, respectively. New claims 22-24 and 26-28 corresponds to claims 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, and 13, respectively. Support for newly added claim 25 can be found at page 2, line 28 of the present specification. Finally, support for newly added claim 29 can be found at page 5, line 17 of the present specification.

Accordingly, proper consideration of each of the pending claims is respectfully requested at present, as is entry of the present amendment, further to Amendment filed on February 17, 2009.

Conclusion

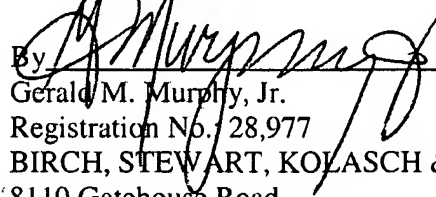
In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Toyohiko Konno (No. L0053) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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